

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 10, 2008

The meeting was conducted in the 1st Class lounge of the Battleship New Jersey
The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours with the pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. (Listed on the Web)

Officers/Directors:

President: Harry Bryant, AA2WN
Vice President: Ed Clark, W2KP
Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO
Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL
Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS
Public Affairs: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ
Station License Trustee (NJ2BB): Dave Burgess, WA2TVS

Directors:

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Bill Bacon, KE2XC

Presidents Report:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Vice President Report: No report

Secretary Report: No report.

Directors Report: - Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurers Report: Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$693.83 in our treasury as of this date.

Chief Engineers Report: A ship yard raid coming up in a week from now. A list has been made and if your name is not on the list, don't show up. The World War 2 radio room got painted yesterday and John is heading up a group to get the equipment back into the temporary static display position.

Scouting: Doug, WA2NPD; The scouting Merit Badge program is doing well. We have had 200 Scouts go thru the Merit Program in the last 9 months. I have good cooperation from HPA and from this club. We still could use some additional help with this program. No requests have come in for the last couple of months due to Summer camps. Again, anyone interested in helping please sign up with me.

Activities: Harry, AA2WN reminds us of the June, 7 and 8, 2008 for the Museum Ships weekend contest. Several of the ship must use the original Navy radios to make contacts so we will be doing the same at certain times during that weekend. BNJARS will again this year be at the Dayton Hamvention with our booth and presenting a forum. Please check our web site to see the list of approved ships to contact. The 65 anniversary of the commissioning of the New Jersey will be in two weeks.

NJ2BB Trustee Report: - No report.

Public Events: Joe, N2XYZ; The Orlando Hamfest was a great success for us we had around 250 people visiting the Battleship display several of the hams had worked the ship. Was in Pensacola, FL and met a group of hams that were setting up a radio station patterned after the Carrier Lexington. If you know of any clubs that would like to see our presentation please let me know.

H.P.A. Report: No report.

Safety Officers Report: No report.

Permanent Committee Reports: John, WB2DFB; Had some spare parts left over for the RBC receivers and was able to get 8 of these receivers on line. John has completed a crystal calibrator to be used with the RBC receivers. In checking with the Harris people found that we have the wrong pre-selector, will store it until we get a new board for the Harris receiver. The amplifier donated by Mike Meany, W2OF has a shorted secondary in the power transformer so we will have to locate a new transformer for this amp.

Configuration Control: John, KB2ADL; The WW2 display is looking good. The Wisconsin has the same layout as ours but different equipment.

Standing Committee Reports: No report.

QSL Manager: Margaret, KB2BRR reports that February we had 102 contacts, March 23 and April 43 contacts. A grand total of 24,680 contacts made from the ship with over 5,065 QSL cards received and answered. Our postage reserve is \$24.59.

Station Operation: Margaret, KB2BRR, would like people to be more careful in use of the logging program, ie. after you place your call in the lower right of the page make sure you then place the cursor back up to the upper left of the page in the contact call area.

Emergency Communications: Ed, W2KP can always use additional help with the MS-170 coast to coast to be held 17th and 18th of May. This year they will be using the county communication building for their main dispatching.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mike, W2OF will be helping Saturday May 17 with the MTV crew visiting the ship. They are holding their convention in Cherry Hill this year.

Dave, WA2TVS tells us that we have WAS confirmed but need to work on the DXCC so he asked if the DX people could please go over the files and try and see if we could get the missing cards sent to us.

Good of the Order: Margaret, KB2BRR asked if anyone required a badge renewal. The balloon launch scheduled for yesterday was postponed due to poor weather conditions, maybe between now and the end of the month and maybe after Dayton.

A reminder from Harry, AA2WN that at our December meeting there will be elections. At our next General meeting we will be working on making changes to our Bylaws and Constitution.

Harry, AA2WN would like to thank Tom Williams for bringing all of the small parts to the ship for us to use in our repair work.

Next meeting: will be Saturday, September 13, 2008

Meeting was adjourned at 1100 hours
Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary